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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Quang T Van

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7,9 and 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 September 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 9/9/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, "said first dry cell and said second dry cell are connected by said strap means in parallel electric connection", recited in claim 8, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to because of the following informalities: "said first dry cell and said second dry cell are connected by said strap means in parallel electric connection", recited in claim 8, lacks antecedent basis from specification. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lund et al (US 5,834,743). Lund discloses an induction heating apparatus and method for fusing intercell connectors to battery cell terminals comprising the steps of positioning a plurality of dry cells (11) in juxtaposition relationship; orienting a dry cell strap (20) for making a soldering contact between a first toe means (24) of a first dry cell strap (20) and a first terminal means (18) of a first dry cell of said plurality of dry cells (11) and between a second toe means (24) of said first dry cell strap (20) and a second terminal means (18) of a second dry cell (11) of said plurality of dry cells (11) ; positioning a split coil means (38) connected to an R F generator means (31) in juxtaposition with said first dry cell (11) so that said first terminal means (18) and said first toe means (24) are in an aligned orientation with coils (45a, 45b) of said split coil means (38); and operating said R F generator means (31) for generating an R F energy and applying said R F energy to

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said split coil means (38) for inducing a heat generating current in said first terminal means (18) and said first toe means (24) for soldering said first toe means of said dry cell strap to said first terminal means (col. 5, lines 56-60).

NOTE: Since claim 1 uses means plus function format, it gives rise to the interpretation under 35 USC 112, par. 6 in light of and consistent with the written description of the invention in the application.

5. Claims 2-7 and 9-10 are allowed. Claim 8 will allow if overcome the above objection.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not show or suggest said first toe of said strap means retained in soldering contact with said first terminal means of a first dry cell of said plurality of said dry cells and said first toe and said first terminal means placed in said coil split for having induced, about said soldering contact, an heat generating energy for soldering said first toe to said first terminal means as recited in claims 2-7 and 9-10.

NOTE: Since claim 2 uses means plus function format, it gives rise to the interpretation under 35 USC 112, par. 6 in light of and consistent with the written description of the invention in the application.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Mullane et al (US 4,642,442) discloses a battery intercell connection by induction heating. Method and apparatus for interconnecting

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electrochemical cells for a battery. Ovshinsky et al (US 5,558,950) discloses an optimized cell pack for large sealed nickel-metal hydride batteries.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quang T Van whose telephone number is 703-306-9162. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00Am 7:00Pm M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on 703-305-5766. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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